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November 30, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
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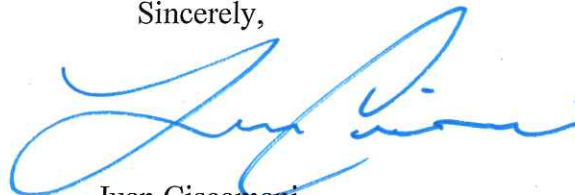
Secretary Mayorkas:

I write regarding an urgent matter occurring along our southwest border in Arizona. As you know, for months now, the quantity of migrants crossing the border has steadily increased to record breaking numbers. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is currently experiencing a massive surge of migrant encounters with reports of more than 9,400 encounters in the last day alone.

Tucson Sector is leading in encounters and our agents and officers are overrun and undermanned. The situation is far past a breaking point and those on the frontlines of this crisis are in need of immediate support. I urge you to immediately request that the Department of Defense deploy the Arizona National Guard to help with this dire situation. We must be doing all we can to help our local communities, law enforcement officers, and CBP agents and officers.

No one knows the gravity of this situation better than our local officials. As you consider this request, I urge you to work with Governor Katie Hobbs, as well as Arizona county supervisors, mayors and sheriffs. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor of Arizona Katie Hobbs